

BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held April 19, 2010, for the purpose of reviewing the Social Services, Miscellaneous and Other Funds sections of the Proposed FY 2011 Budget.

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:10 p.m. It was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Liz Park, Director of Greenbelt CARES; Christal Batey, Community Resource Advocate; Megan Searing-Young, Museum Curator; Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, Museum Education/Volunteer Coordinator; Darren Stephenson, Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Counselor; Jeff Williams, City Treasurer; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Jon Gardner, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Education; Lynn Chandler, Franklin Noll and Chris Stark, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum; and Bill Orleans.

Grants and Contributions

Jim Hartsock, representing Meals on Wheels of College Park, reported volunteers provide three meals a day Mondays through Fridays to 60 residents in the College Park, Greenbelt and the Berwyn Heights area. Council thanked Mr. Hartsock for the services the organization provides to area residents. Mayor Davis asked for the number of Greenbelt residents who receive meals through the program. Mr. Hartsock said he would check and report back to Council.

Greenbelt Museum

Ms. Searing-Young gave a slide show presentation highlighting museum events over the past year.

Ms. Searing-Young said the first meeting of the 75th Anniversary Committee had been held to begin planning the City's anniversary celebration in 2012. She advised she was working with Jill St. John, the former Museum Curator, on a new book on Greenbelt which will be published by Arcadia Publishing and released as part of the anniversary celebration. Ms. Searing-Young commented there would be no City expenditures involved in publishing the book and all proceeds from book sales would go to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum.

Mayor Davis said she had observed children climbing on the Mother and Child statue in the Center and requested a sign be installed on or by the statue asking individuals to keep off the statue. Ms. Searing-Young said she would handle the request.

There was discussion regarding the preservation of historical documents in the Tugwell Room of the Library. Ms. Searing-Young mentioned the concerns regarding water problems in the Tugwell Room will be addressed during the building renovation.

Ms. Searing-Young reported on the Lenore Thomas collection of papers and photographs which were gifted to the Museum by her son last year. Mr. McLaughlin reported that the \$2,000 budgeted in the Museum's miscellaneous account would be used to acquire archival materials to

conserve this collection as well as other historical items.

Council thanked members of the FOGM for volunteering their time to the museum.

Social Services

Dr. Park gave a slide show presentation featuring social services accomplishments and events over the past year.

Dr. Park then introduced Darren Stephenson, the new Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Counselor for Greenbelt West. Dr. Park advised this new position is funded by a grant from the Governor's Office on Crime Control and Prevention, along with a federal grant to expand delinquency prevention services. Mr. Stephenson explained this new program.

There was discussion regarding homeless individuals. Dr. Park advised that the one County family facility provides shelter for women and children, but no males over 14 years of age are allowed.

Ms. Mach questioned the long term request for increased staff. Dr. Park said she expected additional staff would be required in three to five years to handle the increasing demand for counseling services, GED programs, and other social service programs.

Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL)

Ms. Batey provided an overview of the GAIL program accomplishments. She noted the valuable services the interns provide to participants in the GAIL program.

Mr. Jordan suggested consideration be given to offering additional GAIL programs in Greenbelt East and West.

Mr. Putens suggested reaching out to health service providers in the City to determine if any were willing to provide free health services/programs through the program.

Miscellaneous and Other Funds

Council reviewed the Miscellaneous and Other Funds Section of the Budget

There was discussion regarding expanding the City cemetery. Council requested this be added to the list for a future work session.

The meeting ended at 11:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy Murray
City Clerk*